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(57) Abstract: A compound of the formula $R^1 \cdot [(AO)_n - R^2]_m$ (I) where: R^1 is the residue of a group having at least m active hydrogen atoms; AO is an alkylene oxide residue; each n is independently from 1 to 100; m is at least 2; and each R^2 is independently H, a C_1 to C_{21} hydrocarbyl, or an acyl group $-OC.R^3$, where R^3 is a C_1 to C_{21} hydrocarbyl group, wherein on average greater than one of the R^2 groups is or comprises a C_4 to C_{21} hydrocarbyl group comprising at least two ethylenic double bonds. The compounds are particularly suitable for use in preparing aqueous emulsions or dispersions of resins and polymers, especially alkyd resins.

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